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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DATA COMMUNICATION

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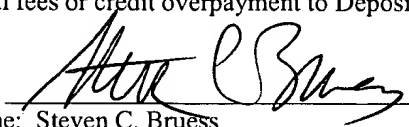
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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

A telephone interview requested by the Examiner was conducted on September 26, 2006 between Examiner Truc T. Nguyen and Applicants' representative, Mr. Steven Bruess (Reg. No. 34,130). Applicants' claims were discussed in view of the cited art. No agreement was reached at that time. The Examiner indicated he would prepare a written action.

Applicants thank the Examiner for subsequently issuing a Notice of Allowance. Applicants note, however, the Notice of Allowability, mailed October 3, 2006, includes a handwritten correction that appears to indicate claims 12-18 and 25-33 are allowable. Claim 18 was canceled in an amendment filed January 8, 2003. Applicants assume the Examiner intended to allow claims 12-17 and 25-33.

After reviewing Private PAIR, Applicants note a Notice of Non-Compliant Information Disclosure Statement was mailed on October 10, 2006. Applicants have not received this document in the mail. The document indicates the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on March 15, 2006 (and received by the Office on March 17, 2006) was non-compliant under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e).

Applicants have reviewed the matter and believe this Information Disclosure Statement was compliant under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e). The Information Disclosure Statement was filed after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, which was filed on March 7, 2006, and before the mailing of an office action on-the-merits, which was mailed on April 7, 2006. The Information Disclosure Statement enclosed a translation of a previously submitted reference.

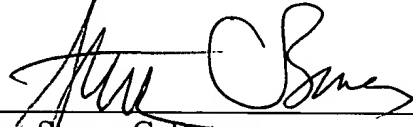
As the Form 1449 submitted with the March 15 Information Disclosure Statement has already been initialed and signed by the Examiner, Applicants will assume the translation has been considered unless informed otherwise.



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Respectfully submitted,

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